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The Honorable Art Noonan  
Chairman  
Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications Committee  
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EXHIBIT 7  
DATE 1-12-09  
HB 162

RE: House Bill 162 Removal of Coal Board Grant Limitation

Chairman Noonan and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the State Tribal Economic Development Commission, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 162 effectively removing the 7% Coal Board grant limitations. It is our belief that this legislation will increase overall tribal participation in projects utilizing these funds.

Thank you for your consideration of the State Tribal Economic Development Commission's testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Real Bird".

Shawn Real Bird  
Chairman  
State Tribal Economic Development Commission

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CC: Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications Committee  
State Tribal Economic Development Commission members  
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